LONDON AND PARIS NEWS. A SPIRITED CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS.

A GREAT STRUGGLE IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE TORIES AND LIBERALS IN ENGLAND-THE AR-TISTS NEARLY READY FOR THE ANNUAL EXHIBI-TIONS-AFFAIRS IN THE FEENCH CAPITAL.

The latest phases of the great struggle for political power in the United Kingdom are given in the London cable dispatch to THE TRIBUNE, printed herewith. The contest is regarded as unparalleled in this generation, and it is expected that more votes will be east than at any previous general election. The Liberals show great confidence, while the Tories are more cautious. The course Mr. Parnell is pursuing is deemed somewhat detrimental to the Liberal interests in Ireland. Social festivity is practically suspended during the elections. The artists are nearly ready to send their pictures to the Royal Academy and Grosvenor Gallery for the annual exhibitions. Mr. Alma Tadema is to be represented by a noble work. Prince Leopold is to leave England for Canada in April. He will also visit this country. The current topics in Paris, inmentioned in the telegram from that city.

LEADING TOPICS IN LONDON.

THE PROGRESS OF THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN-INCI-DENTS OF THE CONTEST-PRINCE LEOPOLD COM-ING WESTWARD-EVENTS IN THE ART WORLD.

IBY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.1 London, Saturday, March 27, 1880.

Passion Week, usually devoted in England to ecclesiastical observances, presents a singular spectacle, every corner of the three kingdoms being enpaged in passionate electioneering, which was scarcely suspended on Good Friday. Certain shurches, where gorgeous ceremonials are practised, were half empty, while the public halls were Every public house in the metropolis is converted into Tory headquarters. Many theatres were closed throughout the week; they would have been scantily attended if open. The picture galleries are deserted, the concert halls are only half full, the parks are desolate, and the shops are empty, the beershops excepted, where the Jingo landlords and their customers carouse together. Every boarding is covered with political placards. Many private houses are displaying the bills of candidates. Cabs, vans, and other vehicles, public and private -even carringes-are similarly decorated.

SHOPKEEPERS ACTIVE.

While the contest proceeds throughout England generally, on broad public grounds, most metropolltan constituencies are preparing to vote on local issues and interests. Tradesmen rival the publicans in political activity, and are extracting declarations | Nillson have congratulated her on her excellent against cooperation from numerous candidates, including the Right Hon. William H. Smith at Westminster. They show such strength that in Chelsea even Sir Charles Dilke's seat is considered imperilled. The lavish Tory expenditure is likewise contributing to that result. Sir William Harcourt's scat in Oxford is likewise in danger on this ac-

THE OPPOSING PORCES.

The total number of candidates now reaches nearly 1.100, comprising 490 Liberals, 495 Tories nearly every doubtful seat. Barely a hundred constituencies are uncontested. These return 172 memimpossibility of an accurate forceast, express inareasing confidence.

GLADSIONE AT THE FRONT.

are without foundation, except so far as a bil- tude is conciliatory. The Pope is indisposed to ious attack and over-fatigue. To-day's telegrams | quarrel with the Republic for the sake of the Jesare favorable. Mr. Gladstone drove and walked uits, in whose chapels prayers are offered continuthis morning, and expects to fulfil his promised ally for heaven to avert the impending blow, visit to Lord Reay on Monday and resume speaking on Tuesday. He continues the central figpre of the contest. The Tory speeches are largely name of Gladstone is mentioned.

ATTACKS ON GLADSTONE.

especially, reflects the Emperor's anger on account of Mr. Gladstene's plain speaking. A later and Nordenskjold here. trustworthy dispatch says the Vicuna public believes that the peace of Europe would find a surer guarantee in a Liberal than in a Conservative triumph. The Continental press continues to support the Tory cause. Gambetta's paper yesterday contained a fresh outburst against the Liberal Garity between French and English Libershism. This hostility simply denotes French resentment for Mr. Gladstone's refusal to make war on Germany

DIVIDED COUNSELS IN IRELAND. Mr. Parnell is showing his usual impracticable temper, but admits that the sole hope of the Irish rests on the overthrow of the Beaconsfield Government. Nevertheless, he recommends opposition to several Liberals, where opposition can only ensure the success of the Tory candidates. Moderate Home Rulers deprecate this policy as vindictive and mischievous. They deny Mr. Parnell's insinuation that Mr. Shaw approves his tactics. Mr. Parnell alleges that twenty constituencies invite his counsel, several offering him a seat. Since Mr. Parneil's return the Laberal prospects in Ireland are undoubtedly impaired. Mr. Biggar's remark that Ireland may furnish another Hartmann bas injured the Liberal cause everywhere. Numerous Tory speakers repeat it; Sir Stafford Northcote and Mr. Cross not disdaining to attempt to hold Mr. Gladstone responsible for Biggar's ravings.

Evelyn Wood accompanies the ex-Empress Eugénie at the Queen's special instance. Prince Leopold's visit to Canada and the United States is settled for April. He sails in the Sarmatian on the 29th of that month, and will be absent some months.

MR. LOWELL AT BIARRITZ.

Letters from Biarritz dated Thursday announce Minister Lowell's arrival there. His wife came with him from Madrid, and bore the journey well. Her health is better, notwithstanding the fatigue. and rapid improvement is expected.

PREPARING FOR THE ART EXHIBITIONS. Accounts from the studies report that the pictures for the Royal Academy and Grosvenor Gallery are nearly completed. Great numbers of artists have invited friends to private views on tomorrow and Monday. The general character of the public exhibitions will probably be inferior to those of last year, leading artists being more than ever devoted to portraits, now the most lucrative become a mere portrait factory. Mr. Millais sends portraits only, including one of John Bright which cluding the reproduction of Verdi's "Aida," are is still nofiaished. Sir Frederick Leighton sends several more ambitious works, but relies mainly this year on the fine fresco recently comthe p are Firth's five pictures illustrating the race for wealth-illustrating equally, though unwitthronged with listeners to political harangues. Lingly, the ignoble character of much modern English art in making haste to be rich. G. W. S.

EVENTS OF THE HOUR IN PARIS.

ATTAINING SUCCESS-VERBI LEADS AN ORCHES TRA AND IS CROWNED BY THE SINGERS. INV CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.

Panis, Saturday, March 27, 1880. Mundane people flock to the churches to witness the Passien Week ceremonics. The ladies wear exquisite mourning toilets, the novel and striking features of which are amethyst necklaces which at devotions serve as chaplets.

MISS VAN ZANDT IN PUBLIC FAVOR.

Miss Van Zandt is appreciated by the operatic critics. She has intensity of feeling, a crystalline voice, and is a pretty blonde. Her interpretation of Mignon is greatly admired. Mesdames Patti and

A COURT FAVORITE IN DISGRACE.

Emilie Ambre has had the audacity to return to the Hague with a view to regaining her lost influence there; to avoid being hooted she fled thence

VERDI IN PARIS.

The reproduction at the Opera House of Verdi's Egyptian opera "Aida" is the musical event of the week. The instrumental music and stage effects are tine, but the vocal part of the performance and 97 Home Rulers. Both sides are attacking is poor. Krauss is ugly and old; Bloch was never first-rate; Maurel, the tenor, was hourse, and bers, and are nearly equally divided politically. Madame Patti and Nicolini witnessed the first Party managers say the contest is unparalleled in performance from the bench of the upper this generation. It is expected that the total vote gallery, where they went to be unobserved. Gamwill be the highest ever polled. Betting at the betta sat in the manager's box. Verdiled the or-Carlton Club, formerly 3 to 1 on a Tory majority, chestra, and in Italian fashion was crowned by the effort from becoming succe is now even. The Liberals, while admitting the singers on the stage, at the close of the perform-

THE MINISTRY AND THE JESUICS. The Government seems resolved to break the The alarming reports of Mr. Gladstone's illness power of the religious orders. The Nuncio's attiinformation of regord at the death of Park Computationer
tude is conciliatory. The Pope is indicated to Welmore were also adopted.

The Princess Hagan gives a fête in honor of Prince Oscar of Sweden, at which Patti is to sing. occupied with attacks on him, in which gross cal- Prince Hagan, however, declines to assist in entercomies are reiterated, although they have been re- taining the royal visitor, though the Princess peatedly contradicted. The Liberal speeches are offered in return to pay her husband's pressing invariably interrupted by cheers whenever the debts. Her wealth, the origin of which is not honorable, is enormous. She and the Marquise Gallifet are inseparable companions. The Marquise re-The Tory papers, The Times especially, maintain sides in the cottage built expressly for her in the incessant abuse of Gladstone. The Austrian incl. garden of the residence of Prince Hagan. The dent has supplied ammunition all the week. Vienna Bareness Heine also gives a ball in compliment to telegrams have appeared continually, saying that the Swedish Prince, who is here to improve his public bitterly resented Mr. Gladstone's criti- mind. He is tall, fair, studious, sympathetic, and cisms. This is true of the official world; the Court, passionately fond of music and poetry. He will patronize the fêtes to be given in honor of Professor

POOR INVESTMENT IN PATENT MEDICINE.

At the Tombs Police Court yesterday, before Justice Kilbreth, Earnest A. Washborne, dealer in patraigned on complaint of Dr. Quincy Von Hummell, of No. 19 West Twenty-first-st., who alchiefs, disclaiming the existence of political soli- leges that by means of false representations the accused man obtained \$2,000 from him on March 24. Washbourne advertised for a partner with \$5,000. and Von Hummell began negotiations with him. Washborne said that he was making a profit of \$100 Washborne said that he was making a profit of \$100 a day, chiefly from an article used for the cure of rheumatism. He presented his books, which, on being submitted to an expert, were declared to show profits of \$26,000 a year. Subsequent to his advancing \$2,000 on the faith of these statements the doctor found a book by which it appeared that Washbourn's outstanding liabilities were \$40,000. Washborne pleaded that his statements were perfectly correct, but that there was "a misconception of ideas." He was held in default of \$5,000 hail. R. L. Covert, his bookkeeper, was sent to the House of Detention as a witness in default of \$500 hail. The books and papers were exhibited in court.

THE HARVARD ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

Boston, March 27 .- The third and last of the series of sports of the Winter meeting of the Har-vard Athletic Association took place in Hemenway Hall gymnasium this afternoon. There was a large attendance, and the victorious contestants were enthusiastically applauded. The first event, a one-hand vault, body not to touch the bar after the start, was contested by J. L. Paine, of the class of 1881, and F. B. Keene, of 1880. The cup was awarded to Paine, who cleared the bar at a heighth of 5 feet and 4 inches. Subsequently Keene received a cup for general excellence.

VISITING FOREIGN LANDS.

The Queen's departure passes almost unnoticed; the same may be said of Eugénie's, save sundry newspaper lachrymose reflections on the identical mournful character of both journeys. The Prince and Princess of Wales will join the Queen at Darmstadt and visit the Princess Alice's tomb. Sir Next came the conclusion of the light-weight sparring

some excellent work was done. Finally Howe and the fancy style known as juggiing than in legitimat the fancy style known as jugging than in regularized club swinging, to which Brandegee confined himself. At the end of the contest the judges found themselves in a dilemma as to the just distinction between jugging and legitimate club swinging, and finally decided to award two equal prizes, one each to Brandegee and Howe.

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Next came a heavy-weight sparring contest (over 140) pounds) between R. Bacon, of the class of 1880, and H. Borr, law student. This was the most interesting and exciting event of the meeting. The contestants were obviously mercendy matched. Bacon being much the larger and having a longer reach. Although Burrshowed great black and did some very good work, it was evident that Bacon was too much for him. In the third round Burr, who had received severe punishment and showed signs of fainting, was taken from the track completely exhausted. The cap was awarded to Bacon. The flith and last event was a running high jamp. The entries were G. D. Morrison, of the class of 1833, and R. Sturges, of the class of 1881. Both cleared the bur at five feet, but when it was raised two inches Surges talled to go over it. After two trials Morrison cleared the bar and was awarded the cap on a score of 5 feet and 2 inches.

POLITICAL NEWS.

THE RIVAL STATE COMMITTEES. THE KELLY COMMITTEE WILL BUILD A WIGWAM TO

HOLD ITS CONVENTION IN IF NECESSARY. The Sub-Committee of Five of the Tilden Democratic State Committee held no meeting yesterday Chair. It is believed that several days will elapse be fore the sub-committee will name the time and place of holding the Convention. This is done for the purpose of nanoying the Kelly Committee. This action was charpmerile, for the reason that their Executive Committee tion as soon as the Tilden Sub-Committee names the time and place for holding theirs.

Controller Kelly was asked yesterday what effect the delay of the Tilden State Committee would have men the actual of his Committee. "It is humaterial," he recided. "Wherever their State Convention is held, ours will be also. It is childed to talk of their preventing us from held me a convention by hiring all the available halls and hatel accommodations. We shall meet in the same city or fown and at the same time as the other convention, if we have to build a wigwam to meet in." This sentiment was also expressed at the regime of the Kelly State Committee, on Park Row, "We shall meet at the same time and place as the other convention, if we have to do as the seceeters did in Rome in 1851, when they must in a church," said P. W. Rome to 1851 when they must in a church," said P. W. Romes, one of the Committee. Controller Kelly was asked yesterday what effect the

Grant Committee be inStructure to call a convention of the Democracy of this
State, to meet at such time and place as they may designate. Such convention to be composed of three delegates from each Assumbly district."

RARITAN FOR BLAINE.

THE REPUBLICANS PASS ANTI-THIRD-TERM RESOLU-TIONS.

the Republican voters of Karitan Township, Monmouth reason why either loss to the depositors should have county, in Independence Hall, the fellowing were followed, or disaster to the institution should have held at Trenten on the 6th of May for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the Chicago Conve-Delegates-J. F. Ruuvan and Dr. G. T. Welch, Alternates - C. M. Cook and Thaddeus Wetch.

Resolved. That the proceedings of the meeting by sent of the New York Treat are for publication.

ORGANIZING AGAINST A THIRD TERM. An Anti-Third Term Republican Association

MEETING OF THE TAMMANY COMMITTEE. The Tammany Committee on Organization yesterday appointed a Committee of Trenty-four to make all the necessary errangements for

GENERAL GRANT IN SAN ANTONIO.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE) SAN ANTONIO, March 27 .- General Grant was accompanied to this, one of the o'dest cities in the state, by Colonel H. B. Andrews, vice president of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Anton'o Road, as well as Committee. The journey was one continued evation from beginning to end. People were out in crowds of every station. The Gormans, who form a large proportion of the population through this section, were the depot ready to receive the distinguished traveller.

AN ARTIST CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Boston, March 27.-John B. Osselof, a Russian artist, living in Everett, was arrested to-day on his apartments this forenoon and cries of distress in a ent medicines, at No. 212 Broadway, was ar- woman's voice. Osselo' soon after came from his rooms with his hands and breast covered with blood. The fre-less body of his wife was found just uside the door, with the threat ent from ear to ear. Osselot claims that his wife was subject to fits of instancy, and that while tem-porari, mans she possessed herself of his rezor and committed suicite.

SAD SCENES AT A HOSPITAL FIRE,

Kansas City, Mo., March 27.-Late last night,during a thunder storm, the City Hospital, located just east of the city, was burned to the ground. It con tained eighteen inmates, saveral of them suffering from disease and wounds, and the scones that ensued were horrible. The unfortunates were carried or crawled out will surely die from exposure. The main building was destroyed, and the patients were cared for for the night in the Woman's Ward.

ALBANY NOTES.

ALBANY, March 27 .- The Governor has dgned the following bills: To enable the Trustees in he villages of Richard County to contract for a supply has been rucreased from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH

SENTENCED THIRTY YEARS FOR ASSAULT, WASHINGTON, March 27.—In the Criminal Court today the negro Jarrett Pitcher, convicted of assault upon a colored and twelve years old, was sentenced to tidrity years hard labor in the Albany Penitentiary.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

ATTACKING THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. WEAK SPEECH FROM MR. BLACKBURN-HIS ATTACK ON MR. RANDALL-AFFAIRS OF THE FREEDMEN'S

BANK. Mr. Blackburn made a weak attack in the House yesterday on the Diplomatic Service; his statements were refuted by gentlemen on both sides of the House. The charge that Mr. Blackburn accused Speaker Randall of treachery to his party is reiterated. The Senate committee which investigated the affairs of the Freedmen's Bank has completed its report; the cause of the bank's failure is attributed to loose and dishonest management. The committee recommends placing the bank's affairs in the hands of a single person.

REPORT ON THE FREEDMEN'S BANK. RESULTS OF THE INQUIRY BY SENATOR BRUCE'S COMMITTEE-CAUSE OF THE BANK'S PAILURE-ALLEGED DISHONESTY OF ITS OFFICIALS-RE-COMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE,

[BT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE,] Washington, March 27.-Senator Bruce's committee, appointed nearly a year ago, to inquire into the affairs of the Freedmen's Bank, for the purpose of ascertaining the causes of its failure under the management provided in the original charter, and also to ascertain the condition of the institution as administered by the Commissioners appointed in 1874, with the view to reduce the present cost of management, and to secure a speedy and final adastroent of the affairs of the bank, has completed s report, and it will be submitted to the Senate on

At brief intervals ever since Congress met last December, and even before, what purported to be abstracts of this document have been published,

vested in hours and morrgages, furnished the op-portunit for dishonest men to speculate with its funds, and finally bring it into bankruptey

" If," says the committee, " the trustees who conducted this bank had been men of great discretion, KEYPORT, N. J., March 27 .- At a meeting of | of the enterprise under their control, there is no

The trouble with the bank began with a miscontion : struction of the charter of the institution by the trustees before 1870. The charter allowed onethird of the deposits to be used as an available the following preamble and resolutions were stopted:

Whereas, The genius of the American people is opposed to the animalized occupance of the Presidential chair, however brillianter important the services of a Chief Magistrate may have been, believing the Presidency should be the exceeding creat reward of the most distributed of the control of the funds for the transaction of a general banking business-" to discount paper, to do a business that the shorter, as the gift of an administ people to design a greatest here;

Bett Resolvel. That we, the Republicans of Rarian, assert our magnified disapproval of the nomination of General Grome or of any other citizen to a furd-term of the Presidency, except noder extraordinary circumstances of war or public peral, not now occurring, not care, and which, for success even then, denounds ever fibely to.

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Resolved, That the delegate expressing our opinion in regard to the nomination for President we reaffirm our devotion to the principles of the Republican party and pleage ourselves to vie for and support the candidate for President and Vice President to be nominated at the regular Republican Convention to be held in Chicago in June 1831. allowed to loan large sums of money, and change important investments. The requirement of the charter that the officers of the bank should give honds for their fidenty was ignored or loosely executed. The charter forbade the officers from bor-

An Anti-Third Term Republican Association of the XIIII Assembly Destrict was formed last even ting at No. 17 Lewis st. There was a large number of the members of the regular Republican organization of the district present. William L. Wemmel was elected president, and Joseph L. Battey secretary. Resolutions were anopted protesting godlist suy effort to piace any citizen, however honorest, in the Escentive chair for more than two terras, and pleaging the members of the same and dishonestry. Before that time two-thirds of the funds had to be invested in United States bends leaving only one-third to be manipulated by the officers and trosters. After 1870 one-half of the deposits became a fund with which those who controlled the institution speculated, either directly

"But," the committee says, "with all these disabilities, discretion and honesty in the management of the bank, had it been held to the purposes of its creation, would have averted the disasters that came upon it," "No bank," it continues, "whetever its charter, would have actisedly entered into the Seneca sandstone, the Kennedy, Fleming, Boyle, Lyons, Vandenburgh, and the Abbott Company loans, with any expectation of protecting the stockholders and depositors of the company from ioss."

It adequate penal provisions had been incorporated in the original charter to punish infidelity, many of those who practically controlled the operations of the matrix to would have been subject to criminal prosecution.

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The commutate their recent the operations, in connection with the Freedmen's Bank, of the Seneral Stone Company, J. C. Kennedy, Vandenburgh, Evan Lyons, R. J. Fremme, and Juan Boyle, by which the money of the institution was loaned on insufficient security, and, it is believed, in accordance with corrupt agreements between the officers of the bank and the borrowers. The total amount of loans of this character was about half a midlion dollars, about two-thirds of which will prove a total loss.

Under the present management, since the bank was closed, dividends amounting to 30 per cent of the liabilities have been declared, and there is good reason to expect that 20 per cent more will be paid. The entire loss to denositors will therefore be something over \$1,500,000.

The expenses of whiching up the affairs of the bank have been in the last four years \$335,994.77, of which more than \$50,000 has been paid as alarges to the commissioners, \$70,000 to agents,

bank have been in the last four years \$335,994.77, of which more than \$50,000 has been paid as salaries to the commissioners, \$70,000 to agents, and \$311,000 as atterneys' fees. These expanses the committee thinks, have been innecessarily large, and even if this expensive machinery were ever needed, it is no longer so. The committee, therefore, recommends placing the bank in the hands of a single person, with such powers conferred upon him and such restrictions as will lead to the earliest practicable settlement of the business of the institution. It also advises the purchase by the Government of the Freedmen's Bank building in this city, which is now rented by the Govern-

the Government of the Freedmen's Bank building in this city, which is now rented by the Government for the D-pariment of Justice and the Court of Claims at the rate of \$20,000 a year.

The entire report is a straightforward statement of the facts, as ascertained by the investigation, without any antempt to produce a sensational document, and it reflects great credit upon Senator Brace, upon whose shoulders the heaviest work of conducting the inquiry and preparing the report has fallen.

THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. WE, BLACKBURN ATTACKS IT IN A WEAK SPEECH-HIS STATEMENT REPUTED-NO ACTION TAKEN

BY THE HOUSE.

[EY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, March 27.-The House of Represkatives dawdled over the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill for two or three hours to day, and then adjourned without taking any action. There was a sitm attendance of members, and but little interest appeared to be taken in the bill. There has been a standing announcement for ome days that Mr. Blackburn would take occasion, while this bill was under consideration, to make a great speech attacking the Diplomatic Yesterday that gentleman's desk was piled with books and papers, and he was primed for the speech, but the House decided to devote the day to business on the private calendar.

When Mr. Bluckburn first began his speech this norning the members paid pretty close attention, expecting to hear something worth while, but they oon realized their disappointment. Excepting for a few sharp words between Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Singleton, who interrupted the speaker several times in order to correct him, there was no excitement and very little interest.

although a very fluent talker, is incapable of making a great speech on any subject. He did attack the Deplomatic Service to-day, but in a weak and inconsequential fashion that hardly called for an The fact appears to be, that Mr. Blackburn,

answer. Mr. Blackburn,s " arguments" were, however, noticed and his statements refuted by gentle-

men on both sides of the House, Mr. Robeson, of New-Jersey, made a very neat

Mr. Robeson, of New-Jersey, made a very neat and effective speech in defeace of the Diplomatic Service, in the course of which he praised, in the most eloquent terms, the course of Minister Washburne during the siege of Paris.

Mr. Townshend, of Illinois, and Mr. McMillan, of Temessee, who are statesmen of the same broad pattern as Mr. Blackburn, made remarks somewhat in line with his views.

The bill will probably be passed some time next week, unless Mr. Townshend should play another trick next Menday, and consume another three days of the time of the House.

BLACKBURN'S ATTACK ON RANDALL. CURIOUS DENIAL-RANDALL CHARGED WITH TREACHERY TO HIS PARTY - BLACKBURN'S

LANGUAGE UNFIT FOR PUBLICATION. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE THIRDSW.]

telegraphed from Washington: Representative Biackburn authorizes the statement that he published story that he recently reflected on Speaker Randall in an alleged controversy with Mr. Coffront is without the slightest foundation in fact.

The "published story" to which Mr. Blackburn refers is probably that which was contained in a Washington dispatch to The Tribune and printed yesterday.

The most charitable construction that can be placed upon this authorized denial is that Mr. Blackburn is gitted with a very short memory, and has forestten what took place during his "alleged controversy" with Mr. Coffroth on the floor of the House last Wednesday night.
The "alleged controversy" was so loud that the

newspaper correspondents in the gallery were attracted by it, and heard some of the language used. luquiries made at the time elicited the information that a prime cause of the dispute was an accessation of treason to the Democratic party made by Mr.

abstracts of this document have been published, but they were all based on conjecture, since the report has only just been completed and adopted by the committee.

After recounting briefly the circumstances under which the Free dmen's Bank was organized, and reviewing its earty history, the committee analyzes the precisions of the original charter, and shows how the amendment of it, in 1870, authorizing an increase just the precisions of its funds to be invested in forces and mortanges, furnished the one under the procession of the percentage of its funds to be invested in forces and mortanges, furnished the one underly, to have used on that occasion is unfit for publication.

THE NEXT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS.

[GENERAL PRESS DISPATCIL] Washington, March 27.-It is understood that Edgar M. Marble, who has for a number of years held the position of law officer of the Interior Department, with the official title of Assistant Attorney General, will be appointed Commissioner of Patents to succeed General Palue, resigned, and J. K. McCammen of the Department of Justice, will be appointed to the position now held by Mr. Marble.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Washington, Saturday, March 27, 1880. A favorable report will be made to the House Commit tee on the Militia at its next meeting on the project for reorganizing the National Militia.

attend the annual exhibition of the National Academy of Design in New-York on Tuesday next. The Ute Indians, headed by Chief Ouray, the majority

of whom have been here since January 11, left Washington hast night on their return to Colorado. The Senate Appropriations Committee proposes to vest the appointments of Deputy Marshuls in Courts in-stead of conferring them upon individual judges. Advices received from Havana at the National Board

ation bills will be reported to the House on Tuesday next, or as soon as the Consular and Diplomatic bill has been disposed of

The Special Committee of the House on the Interoceanie canal, gave a hearing to-day to William F. Chaniz, of Providence, R. Le who advocated a ship rali-ity. He claimed that even if a canal were constructed ross the istimus by foreign capital, a ship ratiway unid eventually be built by American capital.

The Exedus Committee met this morning, Senator A. Sterling, D. Boanano, A. C. Aver, Frederick Rob-Vance presiding in place of Senator Voorhers, who was latto, apparently an unusually well educated man, and editor of The Mobile Gazelle, testified that he had live. in Albam, all his life ustil the last three years, which he had spent in Lauishana. The first concerned novement among the negroes look the shape of a convention head at Montgomery in 1874, at which a committee was appointed to seek a favorable spot in the West to which the begroes might emigrate and find happer homes. He said colored men as a race had been the second than partially enjoyed their political rights in the South

For Congressional Proceedings see 8 and Page. APRIL PRICES FOR COAL

PRILADELPHIA, March 27.-The April cirentars for Eastern prices of the Philadelphia and Read-ing Coul and Iron Company were issued this atternoon at Port Richmond. The prices of hard white ash con will be, Lucap and Steambout, \$4.65; Broken and Egg prices of hard white ash coal at Edzabethport, N. J., will be, Lamp and Steamboat, S5; Broken and Egg. S4 25; Stove and Clestinit, S4; Pea, S3. These prices are an advance over March of 25 cents per ton on Lump, Steamboat, Broken, Egg and Pea, and 10 cents on Chestinit. White Stove remains nucleatiged.

PHILADELPAIA, March 26 .- The April circutars of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company were issued to-day. There is no change in the line and city prices, but the harbor rates for lump and steambeat are \$4.70; broken; \$4.35; egg and chestnut, \$4.10; stove, \$4.20, and pea, \$3.10. There is an increase of 20 ceals per ton on lump and steamboat, n increase of 20 couts per ton on hung a seriout, caused and 25 cents on broken, egg, stove and chestnut, caused and 25 cents on canal tolls. The Eastern prices here have not yet been adjusted.

KEMBLE AND OTHERS REFUSED PARDONS.

Harrisburg, March 27 .- The Board of Pardons held a protructed session here to-day to consider the applications for pardon of Messrs, Kemble, Petroff, Salter, Crawford and Rumburger. The applicants, as before stated in these disputches, have all been recently convicted or have pleaded guilty of corruptly soliciting the voice of members of the Legislature in connection with the Ri Claims bill. The Board, after hearing counsel on both sides, consulted for about one hour and finally reduced the pardons asked for. None of the applicants have yet been sentenced.

PETROLEUM FOUND IN ALABAMA.

MOBILE, Ala., March 27 .- A letter to The Register from Birmingham, Ala., says that while workmills, a sudden current of gas began to flow and immedi htely thereafter petroleum started and is still flowing at the rate of ninety barrels per day. The wildest excite-ment prevails.

DE LESSEPS GOING TO BOSTON.

Boston, March 27 .- Count de Lesseps will arrive here Monday morning.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

MONTREAL'S CONSOLIDATED BANK.
MONTREAL, March 27.—The Consolidated Bank
has requested creditors to apply for their money. The assets
are realizing far better than was anticipated. PETERBURG, Va., March 27.—The Methodist Episcopal Conference of America, Bishop W. H. Miles, of Louisville, Ky., presiding, adjourned this evening. It will meet in Richmond next year.

FESTIVITY AT THE LOTOS.

CELEBRATING ITS TENTH BIRTHDAY.

BANQUET IN HONOR OF THE ATTAINMENT OF ITS MAJORITY-THE PRESIDENTS OF OTHER CLUBS ENTERTAINED AS GUESTS-ADDRESSES BY THE SECRETARY EVARTS, JOSEPH H. CHOATE, CHAUN-CEY DEPEW. RICHARD O'GORMAN AND OTHERS -A POEM BY WILLIAM WINTER.

The Lotos Club celebrated its tenth birthday last evening by a banquet, at which the presidents of eleven other Clubs of this city were its guests. After dinner the literary exercises were opened by the President, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, who, in a brief address, spoke of the history of the Club. He introduced the Hon. Wm. M. Evaris, who made an address, and was followed by Mr. Daniel Huntington, Mr. Joseph H. WASHINGTON, March 27.-A good many of the | Choate and other guests. A poem-The Lotos newspapers to day contained the following item | Flower-by Mr. William Winter, was read by the Vice-President.

THE BANQUET AND THE GUESTS.

The first decennial dinner of the Lotos Ciub took place last night at the club-house on Fifth-ave, About one hundred and fifty members of the club and guests were at the tables, which filled all the long parlors. The President of the Club, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, sat at the head of the central table, with Secretary Evarts, President of the Union Club, at his right, and Daniel Huntington. President of the Century, on his left. Other New-York Clubs were guests of the Lotos, being represented by their presid nts. Their names were printed on

the dinner-cards with this welcome: "Sin: We invite your Highness and your train for this one night, which part of it we'll waste with such discourse as we doubt not shall make it go quick away. Please draw near."

The Century Association,

Mr. Daniel Huntington. The Union Club. The fron, Wm. M. Evarts.

The Union League Club, Mr. Joseph H. Choate. The New-York Club.

Mr. George W. Cotterill. The New-York Yacht Clui Commodore W. H. Thomas.

The Army and Navy Ciub Mr. Lloyd Aspinwall. The Harmonie Club. Mr. E. Lauterbach.

The University Club, Mr. H. H. Anderson. Mr. Harry Beckett.

Calamet Club, of Chicago, General Anson Stager. SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

Among the members of the Lotos Club who attended the banquet were the following: Ansen Stager, Chauncey M. Depew, Dr. Hammond, Noah Brooks, Dr. Charles L. Pardee, D. G. Croly, Dr. A. E. Macdonald, H. A. Mariotte, Dr. A. E. Macdonald, H. John B. Bouton, H. N. Alden, Douglas The President and Secretaries Evarts and Ramsey will Taylor, F. C. P. Robinson, Colonel C. E. L. Holmes, C. E. Pease, W. B. Somerville, John T. Hand, Colonel Thomas W. Knox, Colonel R. Lathers, W. E. Webb, A. F. Tait, George H. Story, M. C. Bouvier, James E. Munson, John Brougham, M. P. Stafford, S. S. Packard, P. Bonfort, G. A. Frink, T. B. Atkıns, C. H. Chapin, P. W. Hasbrouck, H. W. Efner, P. Bradhurst, C. V. Cross, T. H. Mason, S. Van Praag, Norman Cross, Captain Thorpe, C. L. Senge, T. A. Kennett, Frederick Marsten, Timothy Stevens, G. It is expected that the Army and the Navy appropri- W. Colby, M. A. Green, Professor Arnold J. Leavitt, N. B. Walker, Dr. M. A. Poillen, the Hon. Richard surgeon-General Hamilton, of the Marine Hospital service, received a telegram yesterday that a ship had cleated at Rio Janiero for Baltimore with four cases of yellow fever on board. Proper steps will be taken for quarantine when the vessel reaches the latter perc.

The Special Committee of the House O'Gorman, H. L. Clapp, Henry Clair, H. L. Bridgdricks, W. A. Beach, D. O'Donoghue, William D. Tweddle, S. H. Van Sickler, F. B. Noyes, B. B. Vallentine, J. G. Creamer, S. W. Sibley, C. W. Lewis, A. Kling, Eugene Stevenson, By the entry of Ecuador into the Portal Union, which J. Elderkin, G. F. Rowe, W. A. Parshall, occurs on July next, a territary of 643,300 square kilo-meters, with a population of 1,000,000 souls, will be added, thus bringing the total extent of the Union to more than 75,000,000 kilometers, with 777,000,000 in-mortants. Uruguay will also enter the Union on the 1st Malleson, Chas. Henry Webb, Dr. Chas, Gifford, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury J. K. Upton will | W. M. Lent, Dr. Thomas Wildes, Samuel Shethar, be succeeded by Major S. T. Power as chief clerk.
W. S. Ma-Lennen, the Assertant Chief of the Division of Warriants and Appelperprations, will flat her place of Major
Power as chief of that Division, Mr. C. H. Muler, one
of the clerks in this Division, will be made assistant chief of the Division to take Mr. MacLennon's place.

W. M. Lent, Dr. Homas vices, and clerky, J. D.
Goin, L. A. Pike, Dr. V. P. Gebney, M. M. Goldschmidt, W. H. Libby, C. W. Sweet, I. H. Bromley,
Chandoo Fulton, H. G. Brooks, A. Gallagher, Chaschief of the Division to take Mr. MacLennon's place. schmidt, W. H. Libby, C. W. Sweet, I. H. Bromley,

WHAT WAS SET BUTORE THE GUISTS. The monu was printed upon heavy, bevelled eards, upon the outside of which was an embossed

lotes flower in gold, with the verse;
"In the afternoon they came unto a land. In which it seemed always afternoon."
The menus read thus: "The mild-yed, melan holy Lotos-cater come."
Herricis — Full fataom five my father fice."
Porsus, forms verts.— The voice of the turtle is cond in the band."

PHINTANIER — "Wil't please you, that of what is here,"

HORS D'GUYRIS —Banchers b in Montglas. "That

neat was made for montles."

RELEVES —Frict de born any champignous.

"I cannot eat but little ment, My storment is not go d; But some I think that I can drink With him that weers a bood." Pommes de t-rre en croqueit **.

Out of the bowels of the harmless earth."

ENGLES.—Mearend 'Halfsune.

Brownt hither among the Lalian gentry."

Ballatine de criter à in Lives Calb.

"For this way LHES the gauge."

Sonner.—Au Klesch.
"So coldly sweet."
Rott.—Chapon au Padhadelpate.
"You can carve; break up this capon."
Salade—" and I think this word salad was born to do

ne good.
FROMAGE—Requefort et Bele.
'' Room for the incensed worthies.''
DESSERT.—Pouding Neserole.
'' Carled by the frost from purest snow.''

FRUITS VARIES.—
"In our lap of Winter floring
Tropic fruits and sweets." CAFE.—" Coffee which makes the politicians wise."
"Solutine tobacco I which from East to West
Cheers the tar's labor or the Terkman's rest."
"Prithee no more; then dost talk notating to me."

AFTER-DINNER SPEECHES.

Mr. Reid, the president, referred, in his opening speech, to the history and success of the club. introducing Mr. Evarts, the president of the Union Club, he alluded to the possibility of his attaining to a Presidency that would reflect even greater honor upon him. This was received with applause; and Mr. Evarts wittily turned the compliment to a response that kept the company in a roar of laughter. Daniel Huntington gave an interesting history of the origin of the Century Club, which he said grew out of a sketch club formed in connection with the Academy of Design by the founders of that institution. Joseph H. Choate characterized the service of newspaper reporters in a manner and with a completeness had, perhaps, never been attempted before, and proceeded in a speech which for ten minutes

kept the tables in a perpetual roar. Aaron J. Vanderpoel made a spirited declaration of the purposes of the Manhattan Club to reform politics and to save the country. "And we shall have a candidate, too," he added. "A member of your club, isn't it ?" Mr. Reid interrupted. " Well, as to that," he replied, " we'll see you later." General Lloyd Aspinwall responded briefly for the Army

and Navy Club. THE LOVING CUP.

At the conclusion of General Aspinwall's speech, a large silver tankard, with two handles, embossed at the base with double-eagle gold pieces, and bearing on its side the design of a Lotos flower, was set before Noah Brooks, at his place opposite the president. Mr. Brooks then presented this "Loving Cup" to the Loros